



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Ford, Louis, et al.

Appl. No.: 09/073,877

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For: **Textured Bone Allograft, Method of Making and Using Same**

Art Unit: 3732

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AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted along with a Request for Continued Examination (responsive to the Notice of Appeal filed by the undersigned on January 8, 2001) and the appropriate fee; an IDS; and a Petition for Extension of Time extending the time for filing an appeal brief one month making a response due on or before April 8, 2001, with the appropriate fee.

Please amend the claims as indicated and consider the following remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 - 26 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 27- 51 (see also attachment A).

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27. A textured bone allograft comprising: a plurality of closely spaced protrusions, each protrusion comprising a triangular shaped cross-section.
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28. The textured bone allograft of claim 27, said plurality of closely spaced protrusions comprise a plurality of closely spaced discrete protrusions or a plurality of closely spaced continuous protrusions.
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29. The textured bone allograft of claim 28, said plurality of closely spaced protrusions are provided on one or more surfaces of said bone allograft.
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30. The textured bone allograft of claim 28, said plurality of closely spaced protrusions comprise a plurality of closely spaced discrete protrusions.
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